

24437. ASPARAGUS FILICINUS Hamil.

From Nocera Inferiore, Italy. Presented by Mr. Willy Müller. Received January 5, 1909.

"This species was originally collected by Buchanan-Hamilton in Nepaul, but has since been found in many localities extending from Burma to the western Himalaya, and thence northward to Mongolia. It is erect in habit and attains a height of nearly 4 feet, having horizontally spreading branches. The slender, flattened phylloclades are about one-third of an inch long and are borne in clusters of about five. The greenish white flowers are seated on slender pedicels about twice as long as the phylloclades." (*Gardener's Chronicle*, August 15, 1908.)

24438 to 24440.

From Kingston, Jamaica. Received through Mr. William Harris, superintendent of public gardens, Department of Agriculture, Hope Gardens, January 5, 1909.

24438. ZINZIBER OFFICINALE Rosc.**Ginger.**

Rhizomes. Procured for Dr. R. H. True's experiments at Orange City, Fla.

24439. PERSEA GRATISSIMA Gaertn. f.**Avocado.**

Seeds.

24440. INDIGOFERA ANIL L.

"Seeds of a leguminous shrub reaching a height of several feet and distinguished from the common indigo (*Indigofera tinctoria*) by having short, compressed, sickle-shaped pods and by its capability of being propagated by means of cuttings. Indigenous in Tropical America, and occurring from the Carolinas to Brazil. Formerly widely cultivated in both the eastern and the western hemispheres, and together with *I. tinctoria* an important source of indigo. Now, too, found in waste places from North Carolina to Florida and Louisiana. It is no longer cultivated commercially in the United States, since the introduction of substitutes has rendered indigo production unprofitable." (*W. W. Stockberger*.)

24441. ORYZA SATIVA L.**Rice.**

From Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. F. G. Krauss, in charge of rice investigations, Hawaii Experiment Station. Received January 6, 1909.

"Variety No. 164, 34 to 40 inches tall. A strong, erect grower, tillers well, and bears heavily a kernel of good quality. Mature in 120 days. One of the best Japan rices grown at the Hawaii station. We give preference to this variety, which promises to supersede other Japan types in Hawaii." (*Krauss*.)

24442 to 24447.

From Sholapur, India. Presented by M. A. Peacock, esq., treasurer, the American Marathi Mission. Received December 26, 1908.

The following seeds, native names, and notes by Mr. Peacock:

24442 and 24443. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM (L.) Brot.**Durra.**

24442. *Jowar Sholapuri.* Stalks often grow 10 feet tall; heads mammoth.

"White. This is a medium-sized head, rather compact, with a rather small, flattened, white seed inclosed in transversely wrinkled, mostly pale, glumes; florets awned. Apparently represents a group not heretofore introduced." (*Carlton R. Ball*.)